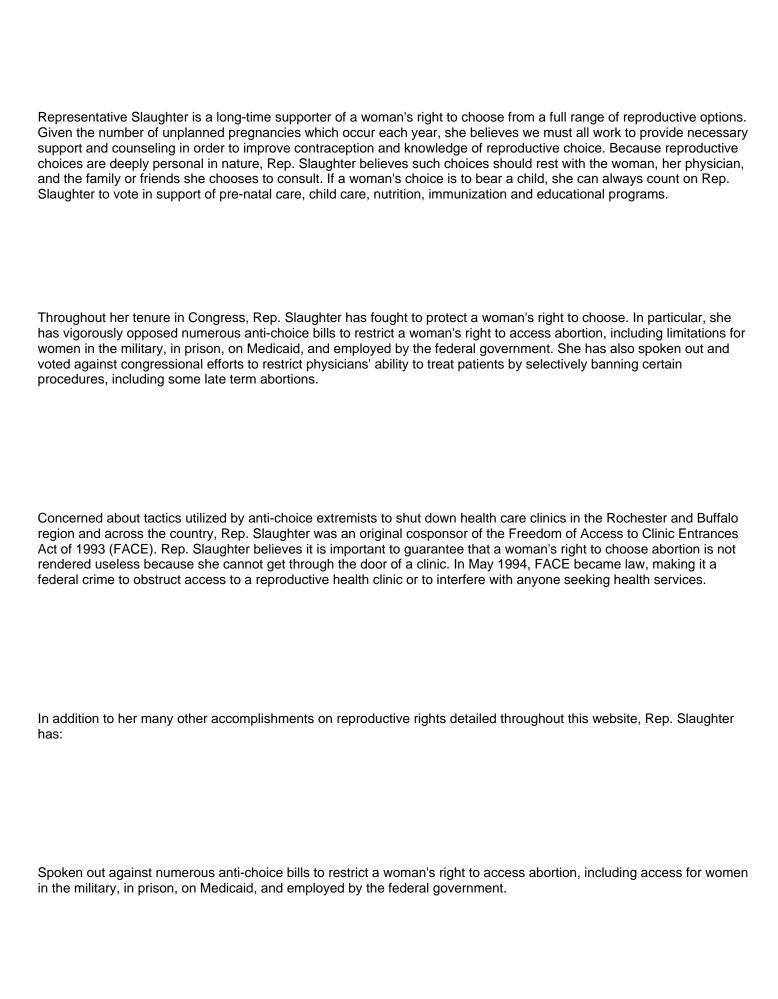
issues - reproductive rights Reproductive Rights Representative Louise Slaughter is a longstanding advocate for the reproductive rights for women living both in the United States and throughout the world. In the 107th Congress, Rep. Slaughter assumed the position of Democratic Cochair of the Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Choice Caucus, a Members' organization which works to protect women's reproductive freedom and to educate the public about reproductive choice. Through this position, Rep. Slaughter has brought together leaders from both sides of the aisle to introduce legislation ensuring the availability of family planning, including emergency contraception; access to comprehensive sex education for our nation's young people; the protection of pregnant women from violence; and the right to choose legal and safe reproductive health options. In addition, the Congresswoman, along with the Pro-Choice Caucus leadership, has fought against federal abortion bans and attempts to overturn Roe v. Wade. The links below provide further information regarding Rep. Slaughter's work and the Pro-Choice Caucus' efforts to ensure the protection of women's reproductive rights. Rep. Slaughter's Commitment to Women's Reproductive Rights



| Supported efforts to increase funding for international family planning programs and adamantly opposed proposals to tie payment of United Nations arrears to cuts in international family planning funds. |
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| Sponsored legislation to prevent the government from restricting medical information health care providers can give to women about reproductive health services, including family planning, prenatal care, adoption, and abortion. |
| Authored a letter to the Food and Drug Administration to request further details about the delay of approval for mifepristone, a drug used for the chemical inducement of abortion as well as to treat certain inoperable diseases such as brain tumors and ovarian cancer. |
| Signed a Congressional amicus curiae brief filed with Supreme Court to express opposition to Nebraska's misleadingly named "partial birth abortion" ban as unconstitutional and to reaffirm the principles of Roe v. Wade. |
| Opposed an executive order issued by the Bush Administration, known as the "global gag rule," to discontinue U.S. family planning funds to overseas organizations that support legal abortion. |
| Organized an educational briefing series featuring prominent members of the Catholic, Protestant, Baptist, and Jewish clergy to discuss the pro-choice position from a faith-based, values-based perspective. |
| Added her signature to a letter to Secretary Tommy Thompson expressing opposition to the Administration's stated intention to deny waivers to nine states, including New York, which would provide expanded access to family planning services. |